

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Canceled)

.2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for use in storing and positioning keys, said apparatus comprising:

_____ a housing,

_____ a first key mounted for pivotal movement relative to said housing, said first key being pivotal between a stored condition disposed adjacent to said housing and an active condition extending away from said housing,

_____ a second key mounted for pivotal movement relative to said housing, said second key being pivotal between a stored condition disposed adjacent to said housing and an active condition extending away from said housing,

_____ a third key mounted for pivotal movement relative to said housing, said third key being pivotal between a stored condition disposed adjacent to said housing and an active condition extending away from said housing,

_____ a fourth key mounted for pivotal movement relative to said housing, said fourth key being pivotal between a stored condition disposed adjacent to said housing and an active condition extending away from said housing,

_____ wherein said housing has a first slot extending along a first side of said housing and a second slot extending along a second side of said housing, said first key being disposed in said first slot when said first key is in the stored condition, said first key extends away from said first slot when said first key is in the active condition, said second key being disposed in said first slot when said second key is in the stored condition, said second key extends away from said first slot when said second key is in the active condition, said third key being disposed in said second slot when said third key is in the stored condition, said third key extends away from said second slot

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when said third key is in the active condition, said fourth key being disposed in said second slot when said fourth key is in the stored condition, said fourth key extends away from said second slot when said fourth key is in the active condition, An apparatus as set forth in claim 2 further including wherein said apparatus further comprises a first actuator assembly disposed adjacent to a first end portion of said first slot, said first actuator assembly being manually actuatable to effect movement of said first key from the stored condition to the active condition, a second actuator assembly disposed adjacent to a second end portion of said first slot, said second actuator assembly being manually actuatable to effect movement of said second key from the stored condition to the active condition, a third actuator assembly disposed adjacent to a first end portion of said second slot, said third actuator assembly being manually actuatable to effect movement of said third key from the stored condition to the active condition, and a fourth actuator assembly disposed adjacent to a second end portion of said second slot, said fourth actuator assembly being manually actuatable to effect movement of said fourth key from the stored condition to the active condition.

4. (Original) An apparatus as set forth in claim 3 wherein said housing includes a major side which extends between said first and second sides of said housing, each of said actuator assemblies includes a manually engagable member which is disposed adjacent to said major side of said housing.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Canceled).

7. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for use in storing and positioning keys, said apparatus comprising:

_____ a housing,

_____ a first key mounted for pivotal movement relative to said housing, said first key being pivotal between a stored condition disposed adjacent to said housing and an active condition extending away from said housing,

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a second key mounted for pivotal movement relative to said housing, said second key being pivotal between a stored condition disposed adjacent to said housing and an active condition extending away from said housing,

a third key mounted for pivotal movement relative to said housing, said third key being pivotal between a stored condition disposed adjacent to said housing and an active condition extending away from said housing,

a fourth key mounted for pivotal movement relative to said housing, said fourth key being pivotal between a stored condition disposed adjacent to said housing and an active condition extending away from said housing,

wherein said housing has a first slot extending along a first side of said housing and a second slot extending along a second side of said housing, said first key being disposed in said first slot when said first key is in the stored condition, said first key extends away from said first slot when said first key is in the active condition, said second key being disposed in said first slot when said second key is in the stored condition, said second key extends away from said first slot when said second key is in the active condition, said third key being disposed in said second slot when said third key is in the stored condition, said third key extends away from said second slot when said third key is in the active condition, said fourth key being disposed in said second slot when said fourth key is in the stored condition, said fourth key extends away from said second slot when said fourth key is in the active condition, An apparatus as set forth in claim 2 further including wherein said apparatus further comprises a first key retainer which is at least partially disposed in a first end portion of said first slot and is connected with said first key, said first key retainer being pivotal relative to said housing from a stored condition to an active condition to move said first key from its stored condition to its active condition, a second key retainer which is at least partially disposed in a second end portion of said first slot and is connected with said second key, said second key retainer being pivotal relative to said housing from a stored condition to an active condition to move said second key from its stored condition to its active condition, a third key retainer which is at least partially disposed in a first end portion of said second slot and is connected with said third key, said third key retainer being pivotal relative to said housing from a stored condition to an active

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condition to move said third key from its stored condition to its active condition, and a fourth key retainer which is at least partially disposed in a second end portion of said second slot and is connected with said fourth key, said fourth key retainer being pivotal relative to said housing from a stored condition to an active condition to move said fourth key from its stored condition to its active condition.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for use in storing and positioning keys, said apparatus comprising:

_____ a housing,

_____ a first key mounted for pivotal movement relative to said housing, said first key being pivotal between a stored condition disposed adjacent to said housing and an active condition extending away from said housing,

_____ a second key mounted for pivotal movement relative to said housing, said second key being pivotal between a stored condition disposed adjacent to said housing and an active condition extending away from said housing,

_____ a third key mounted for pivotal movement relative to said housing, said third key being pivotal between a stored condition disposed adjacent to said housing and an active condition extending away from said housing,

_____ a fourth key mounted for pivotal movement relative to said housing, said fourth key being pivotal between a stored condition disposed adjacent to said housing and an active condition extending away from said housing,

~~An apparatus as set forth in claim 1~~ wherein said housing has first and second sides, a first actuator disposed adjacent to said first side of said housing, said first actuator being manually actuatable to effect movement of said first key between the stored condition and the active condition, a second actuator disposed adjacent to said first side of said housing, said second actuator being manually actuatable to effect movement of said second key between the stored condition and the active condition, a third actuator disposed adjacent to said first side of said housing, said third actuator being manually actuatable to effect movement of said third key between the stored

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condition and the active condition, a fourth actuator disposed adjacent to said first side of said housing, said fourth actuator being manually actuatable to effect movement of said fourth key between the stored condition and the active condition, and a remote keyless entry unit disposed adjacent to said second side of said housing.

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33. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for use in storing and positioning keys, said apparatus comprising:

_____ a housing,

_____ a first key retainer at least partially disposed in said housing and mounted for pivotal movement about a first axis extending through a first end portion of said housing, said first key retainer being pivotal about said first axis between a first stored position and a first active position,

_____ a first key having an end portion connected with said first key retainer and a shank portion extending from said end portion of said first key, said first key being pivotal about said first axis with said first key retainer during movement of said first key retainer between the first stored position and the first active position,

_____ a second key retainer at least partially disposed in said housing and mounted for pivotal movement about a second axis extending through a second end portion of said housing, said second key retainer being pivotal about said second axis between a second stored position and a second active position,

_____ a second key having an end portion connected with said second key retainer and a shank portion extending from said end portion of said second key, said second key being pivotal about said second axis with said second key retainer during movement of said second key retainer between the second stored position and the second active position, said shank portions of said first and second keys being disposed in a side by side relationship when said first key retainer is in the first stored position and said second key retainer is in the second stored position, An apparatus as set forth in claim 30 further including a third key retainer being at least partially disposed in said housing and mounted for pivotal movement about a third axis

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extending through the first end portion of said housing, said third key retainer being pivotal about said third axis between a third stored position and a third active position,

a third key having an end portion connected with said third key retainer and a shank portion extending from said end portion of said third key, said third key being pivotal about said third axis with said third key retainer during movement of said third key retainer between the third stored position and the third active position,

a fourth key retainer at least partially disposed in said housing and mounted for pivotal movement about a fourth axis extending through the second end portion of said housing, said fourth key retainer being pivotal about said fourth axis between a fourth stored position and a fourth active position, and

a fourth key having an end portion connected with said fourth key retainer and a shank portion extending from said end portion of said fourth key, said fourth key being pivotal about said fourth axis with said fourth key retainer during movement of said fourth key retainer between the fourth stored position and the fourth active position, said shank portions of said third and fourth keys being disposed in a side-by-side relationship in said housing when said third key retainer is in the third stored position and said fourth key retainer is in the fourth stored position.

34. (Original) An apparatus as set forth in claim 33 wherein said end portion of said first key is spaced from said first axis, said end portion of said second key is spaced from said second axis, said end portion of said third key is spaced from said third axis, and said end portion of said fourth key is spaced from said fourth axis.

35. (Original) An apparatus as set forth in claim 33 further including a first actuator assembly disposed in alignment with said first axis, said first actuator assembly being manually actuatable to effect movement of said first key retainer about the first axis from the first stored position to the first active position, a second actuator assembly disposed in alignment with said second axis, said second actuator assembly being manually actuatable to effect movement of said second key retainer about the second axis from the second stored position to the second active position, a third actuator assembly disposed in alignment with said third axis, said third actuator

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assembly being manually actuatable to effect movement of said third key retainer about the third axis from the third stored position to the third active position, and a fourth actuator assembly disposed in alignment with said fourth axis, said fourth actuator assembly being manually actuatable to effect movement of said fourth key retainer about said fourth axis from the fourth stored position to the fourth active position.

36. (Original) An apparatus as set forth in claim 35 wherein said housing includes a major side, each of said actuator assemblies includes a manually engagable member which is disposed adjacent to said major side of said housing.

Claims 37-60 (Canceled)